

IN THE CLAIMS

1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A cutting plate comprising PCBN or a CBN composite material, wherein in that the cutting plate has a clamping trough.

12. (new) The cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein the cutting plate has respective clamping troughs on two opposing sides.

13. (new) The cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein that the clamping trough is formed in a circular manner and in the centre has a spherical or circular elevation.

14. (new) A method for producing a cutting plate according to claim 11, wherein the corresponding contour of the clamping trough is introduced by correspondingly shaping the green body, and the green body thus produced is dried and sintered.

15. (new) The method for producing a cutting plate according to claim 14 wherein the corresponding contour of the clamping trough is introduced into the cutting plate after sintering.

16. (new) The method for producing a cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein the corresponding contour of the clamping trough is introduced into the cutting plate after sintering by means of laser technology.

17. (new) The method for producing a cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein the corresponding contour of the clamping trough is introduced into the cutting plate after sintering by grinding.

18. (new) The method for producing a cutting plate according to claim 15, wherein the corresponding contour of the clamping trough is introduced into the cutting plate after sintering by etching.

19. (new) A method of making a metal comprising machining the metal with the cutting plate according to claim 22.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the metal is grey cast iron.